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FOR EA DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY SNEIDER FROM AMBASSADOR GREEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ATRN, MOPS, AS

SUBJ: DIA AIRCRAFT

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY REVIEW AND COMMENT
UPON PROPOSAL DISCUSSED IN BILL HARROP'S LETTER OF
SEPTEMBER 25 TO ASSIGN AN AIRCRAFT TO DAO CANBERRA.
DIA HAS NOW INFORMED ATTACHE THAT AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE
BUT ITS ASSIGNMENT IS CONDITIONAL UPON MY MAKING
EXPLICIT REQUEST.

2. WHILE I AM RELUCTANT TO PROPOSE THAT TWO
AIRCRAFT BE ASSIGNED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO MISSION
(EVEN TEMPORARILY), I AM MORE THAN EVER PERSUADED
AFTER FOUR MONTHS IN AUSTRALIA THAT AN AIRCRAFT IS
VIRTUALLY ESSENTIAL FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL IN
THIS HUGE CONTINENT. ANTICIPATE THAT SOONER OR
LATER (VERY POSSIBLY SOONER) DEPARTMENT AIR FORCES
WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW AIRCRAFT NOW ASSIGNED TO
USAFLO CANBERRA. IN ADDITION , DAO HAS BONA FIDE
MISSION FOR AN AIRCRAFT, PROBABLY A GREATER MISSION
THAN USAFLO HAS.

3. I HATE TO PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY. COULD
YOU TAKE DISCREET READING WITH ROBINSON ON AIR
FORCE PLANS? ASSUMING I COULD OBTAIN DAO AIRCRAFT
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AND HAD IT IN PLACE, WOULD A SUGGESTION THAT

USAFLO PLANE BE WITHDRAWN BE TAKEN AMISS?

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